organisation of activities like hydrometeorology, flood meteorology, forecasting, climatology and research and Development, have also been made. Recommendations to improve the functioning of the two of the Institutes, while retaining their autonomy have also been made.

(b) Three autonomous Institutes have been established viz., Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore and Indian Institute of Geomagnetism, Bombay as recommended by COSR.

Suggestions of Ramanna Committee regarding changes in administrative structures, policies of recruitment of officers, etc. have been implemented. The Committees' technical recommendations are undergoing implementation as Plan Schemes of the Department.

(c) The recommendations have been accepted.

(d) It is not proposed to change the basic structure of the composition of the Council for Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences.

Outstanding Amount of Excise Duty

1553. SHRI KALYAN ROY:
SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1391 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th October, 1982 and state;

(a) whether Hindustan Aluminium Corporation Ltd. M/s. Texmaco Ltd. M/s. Indian Linoleum, M/s. Gwalior Rayons, M/s. Jiyajee Cotton Mills, Gwalior, Jayashree Textile Industries, Rishra, M/s. Century Spinning & Weaving Mills of the Birla group of industries, Tata Chemicals Ltd., Mithapur, M/s. Tata Oil Mills, M/s. Tata Mills, TISCO, Jamshedpur, M/s. TELCO of Tata House have not paid over Rs. 5 crores as excise duty;

(b) how much has been paid by each of them and how much is still outstanding against each of them and details thereof and the steps taken by Government to realise the amount;

(c) on how many occasions each of the above companies has issued bonus shares during the last five years and the details thereof; and

(d) what is the amount of corporate tax paid by each of these companies from 1980 to 1984 and the details thereof, company-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINSTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Malpractices, Misappropriation, etc., in the Punjab and Sind Bank

1554. SHRI KALYAN ROY:
SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious malpractices, misappropriation, cheating, etc., of crores of rupees by senior officials (S. Gurpal Singh and others) of the Punjab and Sind Bank have been detected after a full investigation by the CBI;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether CBI also detected various malpractices in the Head Office Loans Department;

(d) whether CBI investigation strongly recommended follow up action as there was *prima-facie* case against the officers;

(e) if so, what action has been taken by the Bank authorities;

(f) whether in spite of the fact that all these have been brought to the notice of CMD, Executive Director and General Manager no follow up action has been taken and Shri S. Gurpal Singh, the main accused, has been given hurried promotion;

(g) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and